

The result of these low family incomes in Wayne County is low purchasing power, heavily burdened welfare rolls, and increased demands on the tax dollar. Evidently the large rural population throughout the county raises large quantities of food for home consumption. But even if the 49.7 percent of the families with less than \$3,000 annual incomes raised most of their food, their meager incomes would hardly cover other costs of the necessities of everyday life, especially in the present period of spiraling inflation.

Low family incomes only point to the need for a better educated population, with the necessary skills to command higher wages from industry. Of course, if the labor supply was highly skilled and there were no jobs, then the county would stand to lose these people. Therefore, the task becomes twofold. One job is to train the labor force and the second is to obtain new industry to employ them. A concerned effort on the part of the county and city governments and private industry to increase incomes of the people would also result in larger taxes for the county and cities involved.

C. Future Population

It is important to Wayne County that some insight into the future population be gained. Knowledge of what the future may hold for Wayne County will be useful in planning for recreation, schools, public welfare, public health, and public safety facilities that will be needed as the population increases. There is no precise or exact method of foretelling what the exact population of any area may be at a given time. But, by using past and present population trends with adjustments for anticipated developments, reasonably accurate population projection can be made. It should be fully understood that at best these projections are only estimates of the future population of Wayne County.

Before any attempt is made in projecting Wayne County's future population, the following assumptions must be made: